

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NEAR-BY TOWNS AND FARMING COMMUNITIES

MOUNT PLEASANT.

F. M. Westhafer gave an interesting talk at this place, Sunday. His theme was "Efficiency." Because of the inclement weather the congregation was not as large as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Richardson and family, of Fayette county, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sacre, Sunday.

Karl Hubert was in Connersville, Saturday.

W. W. and Lizzie Nickels were in Liberty, Tuesday.

Levi Wilson made a business trip to Connersville, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Chance were sleighing, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Chance were in Connersville, Saturday.

Rev. F. M. Westhafer, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant church; Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Vernon, of Brownsville, and Mack Wilson and family were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beck.

Mr. and Mrs. Mae Hubbell were in Liberty, Saturday, shopping and calling on their daughter, Mrs. Cecil Irwin.

Miss Mayme Williamson, of L. H. S., spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Paul Conaway made a business trip to Liberty recently.

James Long says he can chop more wood today than half of the boys.

Did you know we had a cooper shop in town. G. A. Showalter will fix your pork barrel to hold \$11 hogs.

Butchering at Mack Wilson's, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tappen were shopping in Liberty, Tuesday, and also calling on Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Lafuze.

NEW HOPE.

Misses Elizabeth and Mary Reiser and Messrs. Albert and Harry Geis took supper with Mr. and Mrs. John Geis, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Thos. Lanane and son, Leo, attended the funeral of John Lanane, at Anderson, Saturday, who died at the hospital after undergoing an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Robbins visited Jas. Mullin and family, Tuesday.

Noah Brown spent Sunday afternoon with Charles Brown and family.

Herschel Brown was on the sick list, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gully spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Maria White.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Moore visited Patrick Hunt and family, Saturday night and Sunday.

Clyde Mullin visited Herbert Ardrey, Sunday afternoon.

DUNLAPSVILLE

Miss Adelaide Wood delightfully entertained a number of her young friends at a party, Saturday evening.

Mrs. E. R. Shepard and Mrs. Ora Cunningham attended revival services at Liberty, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mae Hubbell were guests of relatives at Liberty, Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Clint Beck spent Friday at "The Pines," the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Geise.

Alfred Hubbell is visiting relatives at Fairfield at this writing.

Mrs. Jennie Lake entertained at dinner, Tuesday, Mrs. Iva Shepard and Mrs. Ora Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fisher attended revival services at Liberty, Sunday.

Misses Emma Dietrich and Kathleen Egan visited Alquina school, Friday.

Jesse Woods is serving as substitute on the mail route this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bryson were in Liberty, Saturday.

J. M. Talbot was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Eddy at Connersville, Thursday.

Mrs. E. R. Shepard entertained at dinner, Thursday, Mrs. L. L. Bond, Mrs. Clint Haag and Mrs. Ora Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crist visited Mr. and Mrs. Martin Groce at Fairfield, Monday.

HANNAS CREEK.

Leroy Newbern and Mrs. Rosa Jones were Richmond visitors, Saturday.

Rev. Fred Stovenour did not fill his appointment here, Sunday.

Wright Carson was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carson, Saturday and Sunday.

Emmett Lafuze is in a serious condition, caused from a splinter being run into his hand. Drs. Dubois and Mitchell are in attendance.

The little daughter of Charles Reiser has been quite sick, but is improving.

JERSEY.

Miss Pearl Cromwell spent the week end with Leonard Veal and family.

D. E. Harbine and Andy Baudendistle shipped a carload of hogs to Cincinnati, Friday.

Will Haag and family spent Sunday with Clarence Haag and family.

Mrs. Carrie Day spent a week visiting her niece, Mrs. Horace LaMar.

Mrs. Ethel White and daughter, Robert, called on Mrs. Miles, Friday afternoon.

Rev. Sanders, of Muncie, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Templeton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Miles and Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Miles had for their guests, Friday, Mrs. Carrie Day and Mrs. Horace LaMar.

Rev. Sanders called on Curtis Crocker and family, Sunday afternoon.

Horace LaMar went to Hartsville, Ind., Tuesday, to attend the funeral of Clarence White, returning home Monday.

BROWNSVILLE.

Rev. Gardner preaches every evening of this week at the M. E. church.

Several attended Eastern Star, Saturday night.

John Henderson is hauling logs to the new sawmill this week.

Ethel and Orville Henderson have been out of school on account of colds.

Mr. and Mrs. David Clevenger were Liberty visitors, Wednesday.

Mrs. Will Henderson, of Connersville, visited her mother, Mrs. Bell, Wednesday.

Dr. Gordon was called to see Mrs. Margaret Bell, Saturday, who has the gripe.

Dr. Hawley, of College Corner, called to see Mrs. John Bell, Sunday. Mrs. Bell is reported better.

John A. Gear has returned to his duties as clerk at L. J. Cully's store after a few weeks' illness.

Mrs. L. J. Cully is helping wait on her mother, who has the gripe.

Mrs. Tilden Morgan shopped in Brownsville, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Clara M. Greig has returned to her home in Liberty after staying with Mrs. John Bell two weeks.

Miss Viola Lafuze and Virgil Lyons were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moore and family.

L. J. Cully is suffering with a severe cold.

LYONSVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stoll and family, Fabian Beard and Mrs. Allie Walker took dinner, Wednesday, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. William Plankenhorn and son, Joseph, visited Frank Clevenger and family, north of Brownsville.

Miss May Oldham spent Sunday with Vivian Lyons.

Mrs. James Lyons is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Michael Peterson, west of Connersville.

Several from this place attended the supper given at Alquina hall by the K. of P. lodge and Red Men.

Mrs. George Brown returned home, Saturday evening, after spending a few days with relatives in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hamilton entertained company from Connersville, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Price were calling on friends in Lyonsville, Tuesday.

Cleve Logan was in Connersville, Sunday evening.

COLLEGE CORNER.

Mrs. W. H. Hawley was a Cincinnati visitor, Tuesday.

The Jewels, a class of girls of the Methodist Sunday school entertained a number of their friends at a party in the annex of the church, Tuesday evening.

Some of Miss Mary Homan's school friends surprised her, Monday evening, by going to her home for a few hours of enjoyment.

W. C. Faust, a reader, impersonator and rapid crayon artist, will be the attraction of the lecture course at the M. E. church on Friday evening of next week, January 26.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCouch returned home, Friday evening, from a visit with relatives in northern Indiana.

Mrs. Katherine Stout had for her guest the past week her niece, Mrs. Saylor, of Gratis, Ohio.

Misses Mary and Kaytie Douglas were Liberty visitors, Monday.

Miss Isabelle Eddy, of Connersville, was the week end guest of Miss Marguerite Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hanna, T. M. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Lafe Moore, Thursday evening, for Miami, Fla., remain during the winter.

The Tri-County Implement and Hardware Company will have a public sale of farm implements at their ware room on State Line Street next Saturday, January 20.

Charles Cleveland will have a public sale at his farm one mile east of town on February 1. The Ladies Aid Society will have charge of the lunch stand.

Nearly all of the business houses will close at six o'clock on Tuesday and Friday evenings, beginning with this week.

Dwight Black has bought out the black smith shop of Lawrence Ridenour and will continue the business under his own name.

Mrs. D. W. Sherry, of Connersville, has been here the past week caring for her sister-in-law, Mrs. Leslie Hill, who has been very sick but is now much better.

John Doner had a sale of his farm implements at his farm south of town, Wednesday. He and Mrs. Doner will move here the first of February to care for the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garner, who are in poor health.

Mrs. Everett Pierce entertained at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Jones, Wednesday evening. Mrs. D. W. Sherry, of Connersville; Misses Kaytie and Mary Douglas, Jessie Stewart, Laura Murphy and Lucy Douglas.

Several of our townspeople are attending court at Liberty, this week.

Nellie, the six-year-old daughter and eldest child, of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cleveland, died Wednesday, having been an invalid all her life.

PHILOMATH.

Mrs. B. C. Manley and son, William Otis, of Richmond, are visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McCasland.

Samuel Fisher made a business trip to Liberty, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kinder visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bertram, near Pennville, the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Doddridge, of Milton, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fisher and daughter, Darlie.

Miss Cora McCasland returned to Wilbur Doddridge's, near Milton, after spending three weeks with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Plankenhorn and Retta, and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Stinson and family were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McCasland and daughter, Cora, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Walter McCasland and children at Pea Ridge.

Elmer Rodenberg was in Brownsville on business, Tuesday.

Saturday Specials—

at The Hutcherson Dept. Store

As a fitting close to a most successful 10 days' sale, we have decided to make Saturday (the last day of the sale) "The Big Day" and are offering many inducements not made at any other time during the sale. A great number of articles, although already marked at a very low price, yet having become somewhat soiled or mussed, will be placed upon one table and closed out at exactly

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This assortment will include such articles as Shoes, Curtain Goods, Towels, Linens, Laces, Men's Suits and Overcoats, etc.

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As an extra special inducement, for each and every purchaser of \$100.00 worth of merchandise from any or all departments, we will give an extra 5% discount.

50c Rebate for each \$10.00 purchase, Saturday only.

The Hutcherson Dept. Store

Department of Agriculture

Weekly News Letter from Washington, D. C., in the Interest of Better Farming

PEANUTS AS HOG FEED.

Profitable Method of Disposing of Crop—Other Feeds Needed for Hardening and Finishing.

The peanut, (scientifically called "pandanus" or "goober" in the South, is of growing importance for hog feeding in the Southern States. The underground nuts are usually harvested by turning hogs into the field when the nuts are ripe, allowing them to do the harvesting. It has often been demonstrated that the most profitable method of selling edible farm products is by feeding them to live stock. It is very unlikely that the Southern farmers will find a more profitable method of disposing of peanuts than by feeding them to hogs and finishing the hogs on other feeds to harden the flesh.

Meat packers have questioned the quality of the meat from peanut-fed hogs. Examination of the flesh of hogs fed exclusively on peanuts and succulent feed shows that it is not quite so firm in texture as corn-fed pork, and the shrinkage is somewhat greater. It is therefore advisable for the farmer to use some feeds which have a tendency to harden the flesh of the animals before slaughtering time. Corn is so high at present that it is not considered economical for this purpose. In some of the Southern States farmers have turned their attention to the use of sweet-potatoes, velvet beans, farmers have planned a combination of and cowpeas for this purpose. Some of these crops which has practically solved the problem of cheap feeds for hardening and finishing during the last thirty or forty days of the feeding period.

In order to determine accurately the feeding value of peanuts for hogs, the Texas Experiment Station conducted a test in 1908 in which six pigs averaging forty-three pounds at the start were fed exclusively on Spanish peanuts for a period of ninety-one days, the nuts being separated from the vines in order to ascertain definitely the quantity fed. The results of this test show that the quantity of peanuts required per 100 pounds of gain in live weight was only 296½ pounds. This remarkably good showing is emphasized further when we consider that the average results of test at nine different stations in the United States show that 537 pounds of shelled corn were required to produce 100 pounds of gain, and that in no instance was less than 179 pounds required.

According to the foregoing figures, an acre of Spanish peanuts of a yield of forty bushels, allowing thirty pounds to the bushel, would produce approximately 405 pounds of pork, which, if valued at seven cents a pound, would amount to \$28.35. These results seem to be entirely in accord with those obtained by other Southern experiment stations that have made similar experiments.

Many of the oil mills throughout the South have been equipped to crush peanuts, so it is now possible to buy peanut meal and cake. Most of the oil mills manufacturing peanut oil use the same methods of grinding, cooking, pressing,

etc., that are used for cotton-seed oil, but a first-grade oil can not be made from cooked material. Cold pressing the peanuts with the hulls gives a high-grade oil, but relatively less so it, because it does not permit as thorough extraction of the oil.

Peanut meal (husked) contains more fiber, due to the hulls, but also contains a larger percentage of fat. The hulls add little or no feeding value to the cake or meal, being very low in protein and fat. Most of the carbohydrates are in the form of fiber (75%) and hence are very low in nutritive value for the pig.

There has been a widespread demand to know if the meat of hogs fattened on peanut cake or meal would be hard, firm and free from the objections that are made to meat produced by feeding the whole peanut. To answer this question intelligently the authorities of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College and the North Carolina Agricultural College have been conducting experiments and have obtained some very interesting results. Mr. L. B. Brook, associate professor of animal husbandry at the Texas College, states that hogs fattened on peanut meal made satisfactory gains and that their meat was not soft. Prof. Dan T. Gray, of the North Carolina College, makes a similar report in which he states that peanut meal does not produce soft-bodied hogs which are objectionable to the packers and consumers. Hogs fattened on peanut meal will be accepted by the packers as hard flesh, whereas from hogs fattened on peanuts the packer will deduct about 1½ cents per pound on account of soft flesh. In some places mills are offering peanut meal for peanuts, pound for pound. The farmers can well afford to make this exchange, for the meal will add 1½ cents a pound to the value of the pork, less the cost of harvesting the peanuts, as compared with the peanuts fed whole.

The Bureau of Chemistry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, is conducting studies on the protein of the peanut and has found that it contains an abundance of basic nitrogen. This form of nitrogen is indispensable to the normal nutrition of animals and is contained in inadequate amounts in the common cereals from which most feeds are derived. Peanut press cake should therefore prove to be an easily accessible material to make such cereal foods more efficient. It is planned to continue practical feeding tests of this matter.

SPRING SEED GRAIN.

Farmers Cautioned to Reserve a Supply of Good Wheat for Sowing.

In order to insure themselves a supply of good seed grain for sowing next spring, farmers are advised by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to bear in mind the following information in regard to the seed situation.

Wheat.

Great Plains Area.—The wheat crop of 1916 in the spring-wheat States of the upper Mississippi Valley was very badly injured by rust and other diseases. Not only was the yield much reduced, but the quality of the grain was generally very poor. Much of the grain is light in weight, shrunken, and doubtless contains many diseased kernels. Such grain is not good for seed purposes. Although plants may be produced from such seed, they are not likely to be vigorous, and many of them may be diseased, and these diseases will either cause their death before maturity or be spread to their plants or both.

It is advisable, therefore, that in this region to make sure promptly of a sufficient supply of good plump seed of adapted varieties, which will grow when sown. If plump, healthy seed can not be obtained, the seed that is available should be carefully screened and fanned to remove all those grains that are not good for sowing. In no case should the prevailing high prices tempt the farmer to part with his good seed wheat and cause him to rely upon shrunken and diseased seed for sowing. Such a course is likely to result in disaster to next year's crop.

Pacific Coast District.—In the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho the spring wheat crop was large and the grain of excellent quality. The tempting prices for wheat should not induce the farmer to sell what should be kept for seed, because no seed of varieties adapted to this section can be obtained elsewhere. The dry fall has curtailed the sowing of winter wheat and the acreage of spring wheat will be larger than usual therefore, and the demand for seed increased accordingly. It must be remembered likewise that the varieties of the Pacific Northwest are not suited to the northern Great Plains States.

Barley.

The barley crop for the past season in the United States was, for the most part, of very good quality and no unusual methods or precautions need be taken in seeding the 1917 crop, except in parts of the northern Mississippi Valley. In this region the early arrival of extremely hot weather caused a decided shrinking in most of the crop and for this region the bushel weight is very light. The germination of the lighter kernel is likely to be low and the barley should be well fanned before seeding, only the plumpest grain being used.

SHIPPERS VIOLATE LAW.

The officials in charge of the enforcement of the Food and Drugs Act report that inspectors have found several interstate shipments of packages of fruits and vegetables such as grapes, tomatoes and berries which contain no statement on the packages as to the quantity of contents. The net-weight amendment to the Federal Food and Drugs Act requires that all packages of foods which are shipped into interstate or foreign commerce must be marked plainly and conspicuously with a statement of the quantity of the net contents either by weight or measure. Shippers who violate the law by failing to mark the quantity of the contents of each package of fruits and vegetables they ship into interstate commerce are liable to criminal prosecution. Several shippers have already been cited to hearings under the Food and Drugs Act for violating its provisions in this respect.

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